

St. John Regional Catholic School

Financial Aid
Information
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FACTS Grant & Aid

What is FACTS Grant & Aid?

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment is an independent, third party company that conducts financial analysis to determine your family's financial **need** to assist the school in distributing financial assistance, grants and scholarships.

St. John Regional Catholic School, the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund and FOCE receive a confidential report outlining your financial situation based on the information obtained in your online application and supporting tax documents. This report, along with your family's total tuition amount is used to determine your financial need. This information is used in determining tuition assistance awards.



FACTS Grant & Aid

To apply for scholarships, grants or financial assistance, go to www.sjracs.org

- If you currently have a FACTS Tuition account, go to the “Parents” section (top right hand corner of page), click on the FACTS icon. Sign into your account. In the FACTS Grant & Aid section, click on the link “Start Application” to begin the application process. Be sure to select the 2023/2024 school year.
- If you are a new family and do NOT have a FACTS Tuition account, click on the link for **FACTS Grant & Aid** in the middle of the page to set-up a new account.
- Student must be re-enrolled/enrolled for the 2023/2024 school year to be considered for financial assistance.
- \$35.00 application fee.



FACTS Grant & Aid

- For the 23/24 school year, FACTS Grant & Aid will require:
 - Your 2021 federal income tax return
Note: if applicant and co-applicant file separately, we require both tax returns for the same year.
 - Copies of all 2021 and 2022 W-2's for both applicant and co-applicant
 - Copies of all supporting tax documents if you have business income/loss
 - If you do not file a tax return, you are required to provide documentation of all income received

FACTS Grant & Aid

- On application, use narrative to indicate helpful information regarding current financial situation.
- Must indicate parish on application
- **NOTE:** To be considered for any financial assistance, grants, and/or scholarships through the Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB), Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund (FCPTAF), Friends of Catholic Education (FOCE) or St. John Regional Catholic School, you must apply through **FACTS Grant and Aid.**
- YOU ONLY NEED TO APPLY ONCE !!!



AOB Assistance

Tuition assistance from the **Archdiocese of Baltimore** will be distributed using the FACTS Grant & Aid analysis program.

Deadline to Apply and Qualify:

- **February 28, 2023** – FACTS Grant & Aid application must be completed online
- **March 15, 2023** - 2021 taxes, W-2's and all supporting documents must be uploaded to application

Awards:

AOB Department of Schools will review all applications and send out award notifications sometime in April/May.

If you are awarded assistance from the AOB, you **MUST** “accept” the award through your FACTS account. Any awards not “accepted” by the deadline, will be redistributed to another student.



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Parish Assistance

Financial Assistance from the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund (FCPTAF)

Requirements:

- Your family must be registered at one of the following Frederick County parishes:
 - St. John the Evangelist
 - St. Katharine Drexel
 - St. Peter the Apostle
 - St. Timothy
 - St. Joseph-on-Carrollton Manor
 - Holy Family
 - St. Ignatius
 - St. Francis of Assisi & St. Mary's
- Your family must be an active parishioner, which includes sharing time and talent, and must contribute financially on a regular basis either through envelopes or electronic funds transfer. Assistance is based on need.

Parish Assistance

Financial Assistance from the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund

Deadline to Apply:

- Applicants must apply through FACTS Grant & Aid before March 30th.
- Must indicate Parish affiliation on FACTS Grant & Aid Application.

Awards:

- Awards will be made based on family “need” and the requirements of the Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund.
- Multiple awards are distributed based on need.
- Parish awards will be made around June/July.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- Make sure that you are REGISTERED at the parish you have noted on your FACTS Grant & Aid application.
- Make sure that you are using your ENVELOPES or using automatic payments when giving.
- Be an ACTIVE member of your parish!

SJRCS Tuition Assistance,

- **Deadline to Apply:**

Must apply through FACTS Grant & Aid by mid-April.

- **Awards:**

School will notify families of awards July/August.

- **Funding available through SJRCS.**

Need Based.

- **10% Discount for Active Duty Military and 100% Disabled Veterans.**

Welcome Grant

Students currently enrolled in public school who wish to transfer to St. John Regional Catholic School are eligible to receive a tuition grant of \$2,000 off the first year's tuition and \$1,000 off the second year's tuition.

- Limited number of grants are available. (First comes first get served based)
- Students in grades 2nd through 6th currently enrolled in public school are eligible.
- Complete Welcome Grant Application and submit to SJRCS.

Friends of Catholic Education



F.O.C.E. Block Grants

- SJRCS is given a certain number of grants to distribute – need based.

Scholarships

- Awards to Catholic student belonging to a Frederick County parish
- Minimum of “B” average
- 85th percentile composite score on most recent standardized test.
- Parents will be notified if their student is eligible in early March.
- FACTS Grant & Aid application must be submitted by mid-March for application to be considered.
- Principal and Teacher input.
- DEADLINE: Completed application with **ALL** documents returned to SJRCS by mid-March.
- No applications will be accepted after this date.

Knott Scholarship

The Knott Scholarship Funds awards four-year, full tuition scholarships to attend a Catholic elementary school or Catholic High School. These scholarships honor Catholic students who excel in academics.

NOTE: Last year the Knott Scholarship Funds changed its application process. All applications will be received through an application portal.

The application can be found at www.knottscholar.org

Click on “Elementary Scholarship” or “Secondary Scholarship”

Find “How to Apply” and click on link.

Parents can begin their child’s application beginning in January 2023 for the following academic year, and return to the application as often as needed until all information is completed.

General Requirements:

- Open to current 4th & 8th grade students.
- Must be a baptized Catholic or convert.



Knott Scholarship

- Family legally resides in Baltimore City/County, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, or Howard counties.
- Family is registered and active in a Catholic parish in one of these areas.
- Now attends or has applied to attend a Catholic school in the fall 2023.
- If 8th grader: Students will be asked to include proof of acceptance from a Catholic High School when submitting their application.

Academic Requirements:

- 1st & 2nd Trimester grades.
- Grade of 93 in all major subjects.
- 4th Grade: 92th percentile or higher in each section of the SCANTRON Performance Series Test (Reading, Language Arts and Mathematics)
- 8th Grade: 94th percentile or higher in each section of the SCANTRON Performance Series Test (Reading, Language Arts and Mathematics)
- 8th Grade: Students must take the Archdiocese of Baltimore High School Admissions Test (HSPT) and have a Composite Score in the 95th percentile or above.



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Knott Scholarship

- 2nd Trimester Grades will be available in early March..

IMPORTANT

Final applications, for those eligible, MUST be submitted online no later than 5:00PM on the due date (late March). Please check the application for the deadline. (Principal's portion must be submitted by this date, as well.)

- Once you have completed and submitted the application form, it will be sent to your child's current school principal. Please be sure your principal knows that you have sent an application and that they are aware of the deadline. **Your child's application is not complete until the principal's portion has been finished and submitted. You should be sure you allow adequate time for the principal to fill out and submit the required application materials before the deadline.**
- The Knott Foundation will mail results in mid-April.

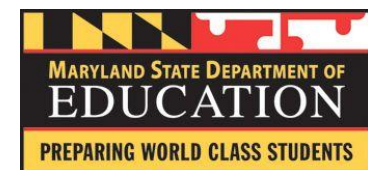


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BOOST Scholarship Program

The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) program provides scholarships for students who are eligible for the free or reduced lunch price program and attend eligible nonpublic schools.

- Students K – 8 who are eligible for the free or reduced lunch program can apply
- Established in March 2016 by the Maryland General Assembly
- Administered by MSDE
- Scholarship Program will continue as long as the program is funded by the state.
- For more information and to apply go to <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>



Other Scholarship Opportunities

Folds of Honor Children's Fund Scholarship

The Folds of Honor Children's Fund Scholarship program seeks to provide educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service-members.

Applications can be found at:

<https://www.foldsofhonor.org/resources/scholarships/>

The Scholarship application opens in February and closes the end of March.

Please check the application for the deadline.

For more information:

Go to: <https://www.foldsofhonor.org/>

RAISERIGHT GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Anyone Can Earn Tuition Credit with RaiseRight!

RaiseRight offers gift cards or certificates from over 300 national and local retailers.

They're the same gift cards that you can buy at the store, but you earn tuition credit with RaiseRight gift cards when you purchase them through our program.



Formerly ShopWithScrip

RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)

Examples of how much you can earn in tuition credit:



- Amazon – 2%
- Starbucks – 4.5%
- Regal Entertainment – 8%
- Macy's – 8%
- Land's End – 10%
- Chili's – 11%
- Panera Bread – 8%
- Dick's – 8%

* Rebate percentages change often.

FAQ's about SJCRS Program

- No minimum orders for families.
- Order SCRIP (physical gift cards) every week.
- RaiseRight NOW (printable at home) and Re-Load of physical card can be ordered and effective immediately.
- Credits applied directly to your tuition.
- Tuition credit transfers to Catholic High School within the AOB.
- No checks to write, mail, or drop off – we use online payments, (PrestoPay) through RaiseRight, or you can use your credit card.
- Friends or Grandparents can also participate and donate those credits to your child(ren).

FOCE FOOD CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

How Does It Work?



- Order & Purchase grocery gift cards as you need them through a SJRCS Captain to earn tuition credits.
- Pick up your order and use!
- Credits are reported monthly to the school and applied to your FACTS Tuition account.
- Friends or Grandparents can also participate and donate those credits to your child(ren).

FOCE Food Credits

Where can I shop and how much can I earn for my tuition credit?

Participating Stores:



4%



4%



4%



4%



4%

How do I sign up?

**Register to participate with a
SJRCS Captain tonight!**

Your SJRCS Captains:

- Angela Stahl 240-357-3960
 angela.m.stahl@gmail.com
- Jennifer Workman 301-845-9899
 301-906-9045
 jworkman203@yahoo.com

For more information, visit Friends of Catholic Education Website at
<http://www.friendsofcatholiced.org>.

Impressive....

In the past 7 years, SJRCS families have saved well
over

\$315,000

on their tuition payments by taking advantage of
the RaiseRight and FOCE programs!

SJRCS Referral Program

Referral Program for Current Families

Did you know that you can earn \$350.00 in tuition credits for every new student that you refer to SJRCS?

There are only a few rules....

- The referred family must indicate on the New Student Application Form the name of the family that referred them.
- The \$350.00 Referral Credit will be awarded to the referring family once the new student is accepted and begins school at SJRCS.
- Referral credits will be applied to FACTS Tuition accounts once they are earned.



Tuition Credits for Volunteering

Parents in Partnership Volunteer Program

Parents and guardians of the students at St. John Regional Catholic School are encouraged to become actively involved by volunteering here at school.

Parents may receive a discount off their tuition in the amount of \$10 an hour up to 30 hours per student. This can reduce each student's tuition by \$300 each.

Pre-K half day students can earn a \$150 reduction in tuition by volunteering 15 hours a year.

Example

Student 1 30 hours of volunteering equals \$300 tuition reduction

Student 2 60 hours of volunteering equals \$600 tuition reduction

Student 3 90 hours of volunteering equals \$900 tuition reduction

½ day Students 15 hours of volunteering equals \$150 tuition reduction

**All volunteers must be VIRTUS certified
when volunteering for any activity at school !**

Important Dates/Deadlines

FACTS Grant & Aid Deadlines (need only apply one time)

Archdiocese of Baltimore Application - Due February 28th
2021 Taxes and all Supporting Documents Uploaded - Due March 15

Frederick County Parish Tuition Assistance Fund End of March

FOCE End of March

SJRCS Grants & Aid End of June

Go to www.sjrCS.org

If you are a returning student, in the “Parents” section, click on the FACTS icon to log into your account. Go to the “FACTS Grant & Aid” section and begin the application process. **Make sure that you select the 2023 Application Year.**

If you are a new student, click on the “FACTS Grant & Aid” circle found in the middle section of the SJRCS home page. Set-up a new account and follow the prompts.

FOCE Scholarships

Notify Parents of Eligibility: Early-May

Completed Applications Due back to SJRCS: Mid-March

KNOTT Scholarship

2nd Trimester Grades Available: Mid-March

Completed Applications Due: End of March (check deadline; submit online)

Welcome Grant: Limited number available – January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

BOOST Scholarship: Application available sometime in April, deadline usually in May.

<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>

Please note that all dates presented may be subject to change.

Please confirm all dates for aid and scholarships. Thank you.



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